IN THE

United States Court of Appeals For the Minth Circuit

MARIA MOELLER AND RON MOELLER,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

VS.

THE ALIERA COMPANIES, INC.,

Defendant-Appellant,

AND

TRINITY HEALTHSHARE, INC., ET AL.,

Defendants.

ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA, HELENA NO. 6:20-cv-00022-SEH

AMENDED MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT THE ALIERA COMPANIES INC.

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AMENDED MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT THE ALIERA COMPANIES INC.

Counsel for Appellant the Aliera Companies Inc. (Aliera), E. Travis Ramey and the law firm of Burr & Forman LLP, move this Court to enter an order allowing their withdrawal as counsel of record for Aliera. In further support, Counsel states the following:

- 1. Professional considerations require that Counsel terminate representation of Aliera.
- 2. When Aliera retained Counsel to represent it in this appeal and related litigation, Aliera entered into an agreement with Counsel governing the terms of the representation. Aliera has failed to abide by the terms of that agreement and has failed to substantially fulfill its obligations to Counsel.
- 3. Counsel has notified Aliera of its intent to withdraw and has informed Aliera that it may not proceed *pro se* in the case.
- 4. If permitted to withdraw, Counsel will take all steps necessary to avoid harming Aliera's interests. Counsel's withdrawal will not result in a material adverse effect on Aliera's interests.

5. To that end, if permitted to withdraw, Counsel requests that

Aliera be given thirty days in which to hire new counsel and asks that

the Court stay all upcoming deadlines for those thirty days. See also 9th

Cir. R. 27-11 (noting that motions to withdraw "shall stay the schedule

for record preparation and briefing pending the Court's disposition of the

motion" and such schedule "shall be reset as necessary upon the Court's

disposition of the motion").

6. Counsel for Plaintiffs-Appellees has been notified of Counsel's

request to withdraw, and he does not oppose it.

7. Counsel is unaware of substitute counsel who may file a notice

of appearance on behalf of Aliera, and Counsel has advised Aliera of the

risks of not obtaining substitute counsel. Aliera's last known business

address (as of October 14, 2021) and phone number are as follows:

The Aliera Companies Inc.

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WHEREFORE, Counsel respectfully requests that the Court grant this Amended Motion to Withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ E. Travis Ramey

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s/ E. Travis Ramey
OF COUNSEL

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 14, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit using the appellate CM/ECF system.

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I have also served Appellant The Aliera Companies Inc. at the address below.

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